Michaelmas Term:

The Citizens Kind Welcome to Country-men, that from all parts of the Land come hither about their mothers occasions (needful I mean) with a description of the seasons and manners of the people therein imployed.

To the tune of, *The Rambling Clerk*.

Some let my note signes as me to mock the do,
Yet must I their vile practise if they be infirm,
To venture their money they have full hard to take,
Is hope to regain it in Michaelmas Term.

The Taylors Officers and Chamberlains all,
Chiefly about Holborn, Fleet-street and the Strand,
Unless Trinity Term yet takings but small,
Which cause many of them to run behind hand.
But note they are jovial and take heart a grace,
And both stumble grievous and sometimes they learn,
Their gains note come tumbling in a great pace,
Long time they have wished for Michaelmas Term.

Some Attorneys and some that solicite Law cases,
That all the Vacation in the Country plies,
They like to King James can use double faces,
And strive to set Neighbour with Neighbour at ods,
Make believe they come with their bags full of Law,
But the profits they all to themselves to confirm
Although it be but for a Truss of Hay straw,
The case must be try'd at Michaelmas Term.

The rambling Clerks that for longing are upset
Have run on the Ticket with Writers and Cooks,
Debtors now and then for some short-sighted,
But most of them have paid their gaines & their books
O note they are foolish and long have slept,
For Country Citizens about them so flocking,
Now all their old scores they'l be able to pay,
Their hands are so nimble in Michaelmas Term.

The three-penny Ordinaries are so full thronged,
That there you can scarce get one bit of meat,
Poor country men greatly to scorn to be wronged,
Dare not their wits before they hotly will sweat.
The Lawyers house are till keeping by fire,
Which makes the plain husbandman lat out his horse
To come up to London to see home new cheare,
While Lawyers eat Rost-meat in Michaelmas Term.

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The second Part. To the same Tune.

The lusty Bon Gifts that here lay in § Change
Against this quick season have been exercis'd,
To furnish their coffers with fashions all strange,
The finest and curiest that can be prais'd,
They hang their Cloaks all Dirty, Sir what is't you lack,
All rich Country people are going to leave,
The husband must carry the gold home with knock
Or else he's not welcome from Michaelmas Term.

The jolial Mistresses trim up their Shops,
And so be more pleasant in piping their faces,
Using strong Water § like they to licker their lippes
For which they will venture to § Alehouse by-paths
Yea if the Serle be not their labour pleasant,
Abundance of money they hotly will earn,
Which in the Vacation will scarce be Extant,
And then they will think upon Michaelmas Term.

The Feather-Mole Mettings that live by their sport,
Who long have had a sorry fat taunt of gone crasing,
For when all the gallants are gone out o'th Town,
Oh then their fine Mistress lack their nut kasing;
Therefore the Vacation they cut like the rest,
Because neither spoil nor clothes they can earne,
But now their's in hope shall to feather their nest,
They looke for good doings in Michaelmas Term.

Pick-pockets & Cheaters with Knights of § Post,
Dog long in the Term-time like Feather-men,
Where concourse of people is, they have got most,
Which making exploits which they nit now & then:
And yet if they chance to be got in the nick,
A long-man Wye Lessons will teach them a chirm
All sorts their offence be they never so slick,
Of them will they think on Michaelmas Term.

The Court and the City, the Country withall
If you will behold a part of all these.
Then assemble this time to Westminster-hall,
Where people from all parts assembled be:
Both thus the conclude as at first I began,
Experience all this for truth will confirm,
I hope I have given no note to no man
For I bid them all welcome to Michaelmas Term.

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